[YOU HAVE DEFEATED THE ENEMY!]

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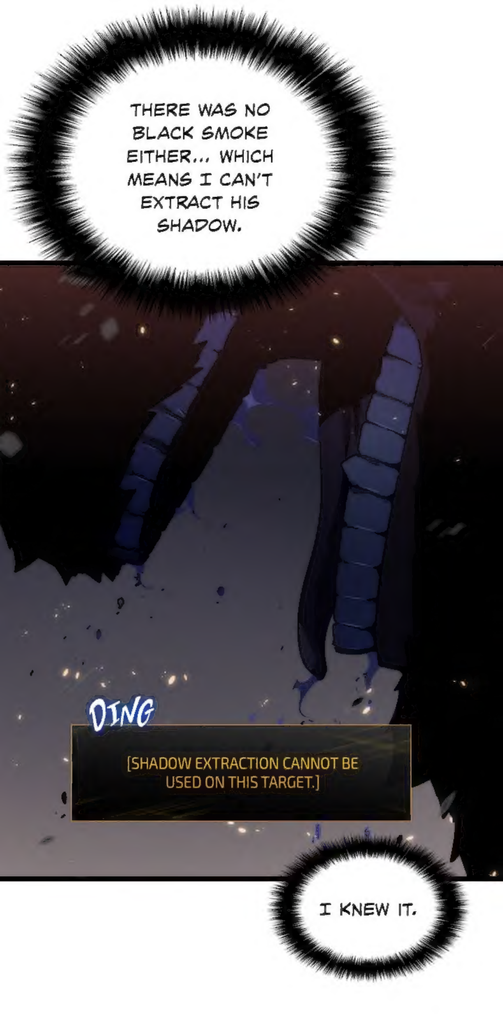
"YOU HAVE DEFEATED THE ENEMY"...?
SIR!!

DASH
THAT WAS AMAZING!
CLACK
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU TOOK DOWN THE BOSS OF THE GIANTS!

THE SYSTEM DIDN'T SAY, "YOU HAVE DEFEATED THE DUNGEON BOSS."
THIS RAID ISN'T OVER YET.


THERE WAS NO BLACK SMOKE EITHER... WHICH MEANS I CAN'T EXTRACT HIS SHADOW.
DING
[SHADOW EXTRACTION CANNOT BE USED ON THIS TARGET.]
I KNEW IT.

FLINCH
RAISE
ZZZT

MY KING.
IT IS I.
BOW

OH,
IT'S YOU.
THE GIANT IS DEAD...
AND YET HE STILL
HAS ENOUGH MANA
TO MASK BERU'S
PRESENCE.
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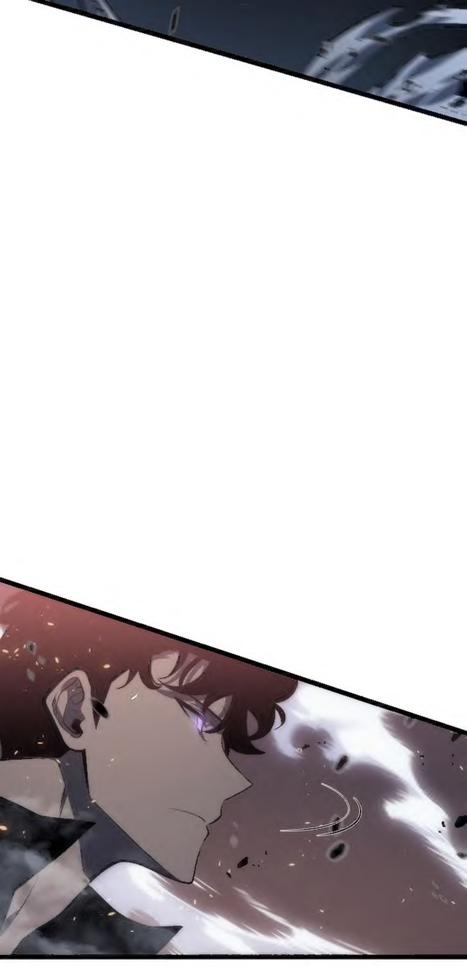
BOOOOM

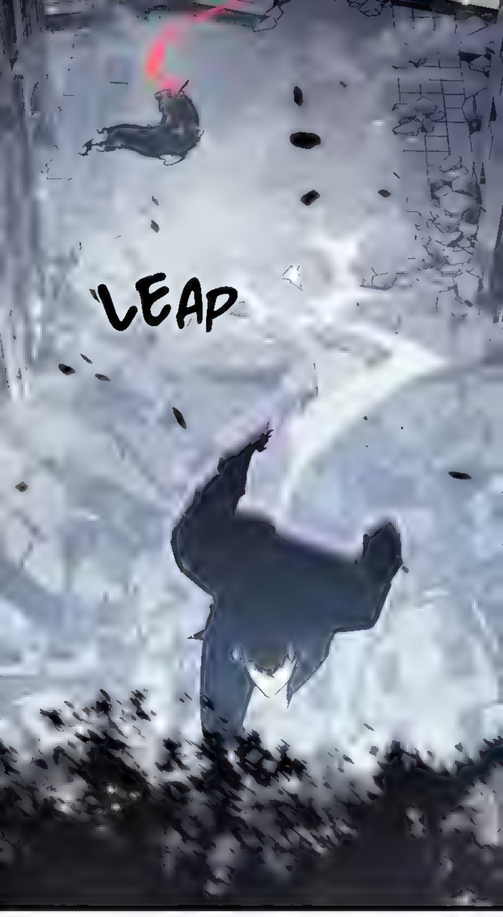
A POWERFUL MANA STORM...!
WHAT HAPPENED TO JINHO?!
WHEW... THANK GOD.



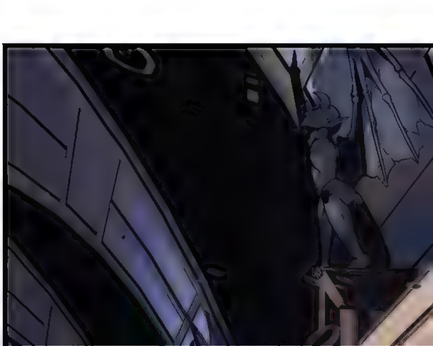
THE GATE IS ABSORBING THE GIANT'S MANA.
WHIRRR

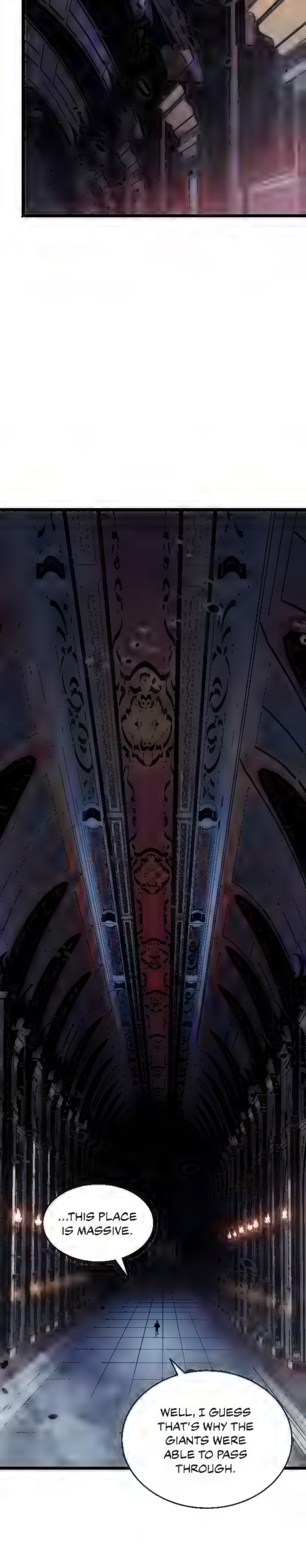
TO THINK I GOT A CUT JUST FROM THE MANA ALONE...
SLIT
THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE.

WAIT HERE, JIHHO.
I'M GOING TO SCOPE OUT THE INSIDE OF THE GATE.
PLEASE BE CAREFUL, SIR!


LEAP

SHWP




...THIS PLACE IS MASSIVE.
WELL, I GUESS THAT'S WHY THE GIANTS WERE ABLE TO PASS THROUGH.

MY KING... DO YOU HEAR THAT?
YEAH. YOU TOO?

HA HA HA HA HA
WHAT A WEIRD LAUGH.

AN ENEMY

AN ENEMY JUST BROKE INTO THE GATE, AND YET THEY'RE LAUGHING?

INTERESTING...

HAHAHAHA!

HOW AMUSING! HOW AMUSING, INDEED.

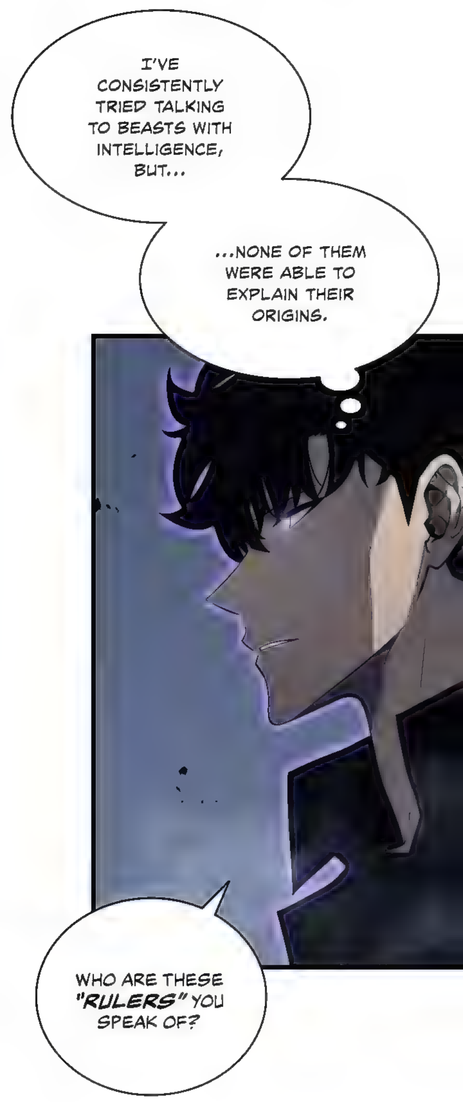
YOU DESPICABLE RULERS!
CLANG
LOOK WHO HAS COME TO SEE ME FIRST!

WELCOME,
MONARCH.

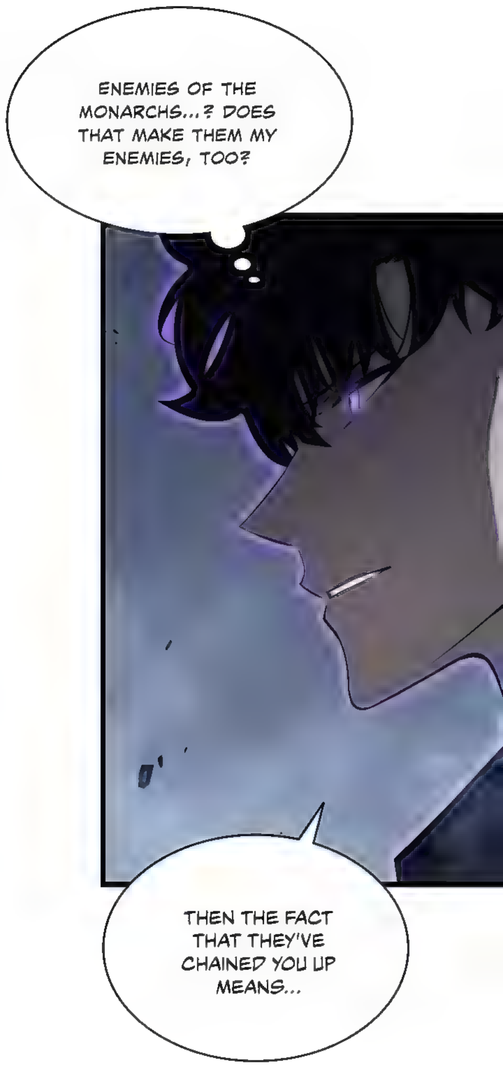
IS THIS GUY THE BOSS?
FREE ME... FREE ME FROM THESE CHAINS.
I KNOW WHAT THE RULERS HAVE PLANNED.
I MUST INFORM THE OTHER MONARCHS...

YOU...
YOU ARE NOT THE ONE I KNOW.

DID THOSE "RULERS," OR WHATEVER THEY'RE CALLED, DO THIS TO YOU?
THEY ARE TRYING TO USE ME...
...AS A STEPPING STONE TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE REAL WAR THAT IS TO COME.


I'VE CONSISTENTLY TRIED TALKING TO BEASTS WITH INTELLIGENCE, BUT...
...NONE OF THEM WERE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THEIR ORIGINS.
WHO ARE THESE "RULERS" YOU SPEAK OF?

THEY ARE LONGTIME ENEMIES OF THE MONARCHS.


ENEMIES OF THE MONARCHS...? DOES THAT MAKE THEM MY ENEMIES, TOO?

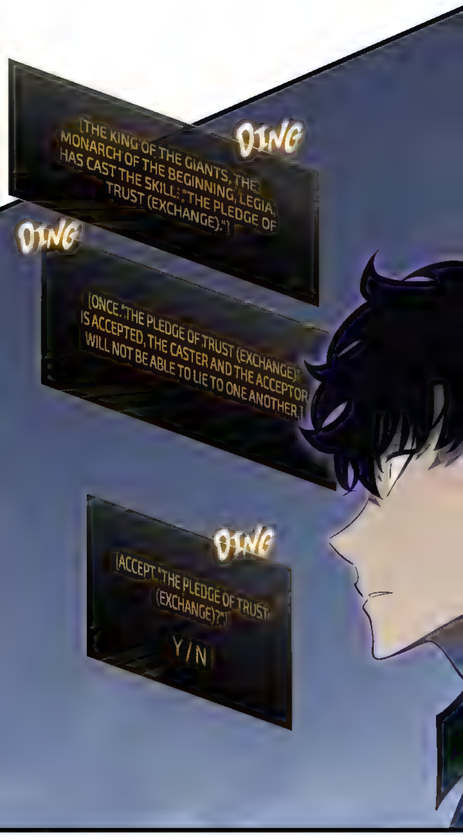
THEN THE FACT THAT THEY'VE CHAINED YOU UP MEANS...

YES.
I, TOO, AM A MONARCH.

ALL THE MONARCHS AND RULERS ARE PROBABLY AFTER YOU.
BUT RIGHT NOW, YOU DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO FACE ALL OF THEM.
YOU WILL NEED ALLIES TO FIGHT BACK.

ALLIES?
UNDO MY SEAL.
I SHALL HELP YOU.

WHAT?
YOU, A BEAST,
WILL HELP ME,
A HUMAN?
YOU REALLY
EXPECT ME TO
BELIEVE YOU'LL
DO THAT?
THEN
I SHALL MAKE
YOU BELIEVE.


DING
[THE KING OF THE GIANTS, THE MONARCH OF THE BEGINNING, LEGIA, HAS CAST THE SKILL: "THE PLEDGE OF TRUST (EXCHANGE)."]
DING
[ONCE "THE PLEDGE OF TRUST (EXCHANGE)" IS ACCEPTED, THE CASTER AND THE ACCEPTOR WILL NOT BE ABLE TO LIE TO ONE ANOTHER.]
DING
[ACCEPT "THE PLEDGE OF TRUST (EXCHANGE)?"]
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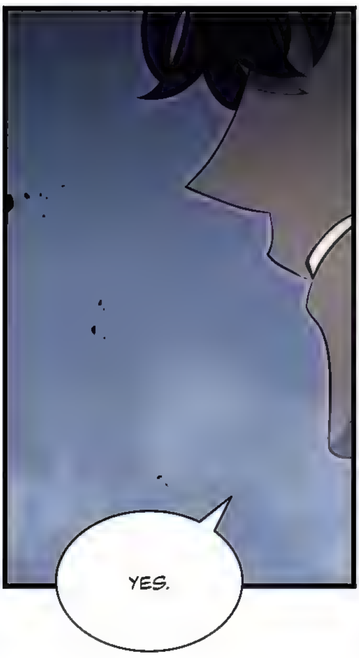
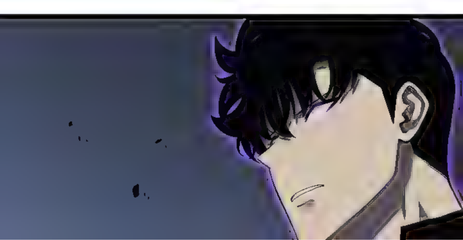
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?


YES.

["THE PLEDGE OF TRUST (EXCHANGE)" HAS BEEN INITIATED.]

[THE CASTER AND THE ACCEPTOR CANNOT LIE TO ONE ANOTHER UNTIL BOTH PARTIES MUTUALLY AGREE TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT.]



THAT IS THE PLEDGE OF TRUST AT WORK.
DUE TO ITS RESTRICTIONS, YOU CANNOT LIE.
I SEE. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY...
HOW ARE YOU ABLE TO CONVERSE FREELY WITH ME, UNLIKE OTHER MAGIC BEASTS?

MAGIC BEASTS?
MONSTERS THAT COME OUT OF THE GATES.
AHH... DO YOU MEAN THE DENIZENS OF CHAOS?

ACTUALLY, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU SOMETHING IN RETURN.
HOW COULD YOU PLACE THE DENIZENS OF CHAOS ON THE SAME LEVEL AS THE MONARCH WHO RULES OVER THEM?

THE DENIZENS OF CHAOS THAT EMERGE FROM THE GATES ARE STRAGGLERS.
SOLDIERS THAT HAVE BECOME CAPTIVES OF THE RULERS' ARMY AFTER SUFFERING DEFEAT.
BECAUSE THEY HAVE SPENT AN ETERNITY IN CAPTIVITY, IT'S NO SURPRISE THAT THEIR SENSE OF SELF IS DESTROYED.

BUT I AM A KING. SO UNLIKE THEM, I HAVE HELD ON TO MY SANITY.
I HAVE BEEN PATIENTLY WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO ESCAPE THEIR GRASP.
AND THEN I MET YOU.

BY THE RULERS' ARMY,
DO YOU MEAN THE GUYS CLAD IN SILVER ARMOR WITH WINGS ON THEIR BACKS?

YES.
THOSE ARE THE RULERS' SOLDIERS.
WELL, WHY DO THOSE DAMN RULERS...

...KEEP SENDING
US BEASTS?

To Be Continued...

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